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- 1. AS REQUESTED DUNCAN-PETERS MET WITH DADACHANJI TODAY TO OBTAIN STATUS REPORTS ON THE DROBOT AND WESTINGHOUSE CASES. DADACHANJI ADVISED THAT THE INCOME TAX OFFICER CONCERNED (KAPILA) IS ASKING FOR MORE INFORMATION. DADACHANJI IS PROVIDING SAME. A FINAL ASSESSMENT IS EXPECTED "WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS".
- 2. ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SIDE THE OFFICER HANDLING IT (VASUDEVA) HAS ASKED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO HIM. HENCE, JUDGMENT IS STILL PENDING.
- 3. DADACHANJI FEELS THAT BOTH THE INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AND THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE JUDGMENT WILL BE REACHED MORE OR LESS SIMULTANEOUSLY.
- 4. DADACHANJI ALSO VOICED SERIOUS CONCERN REGARDING THE WESTINGHOUSE COMPANY INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT MANY ADDITIONAL ADVERSE DISCOVERIES WERE MADE IN OLD COMPANY FILES.
- 5. DADACHANJI SUGGESTED THAT WESTINGHOUSE GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO APPROACHING C. SUBRAMANIAN, GOI MINISTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF FINANCE AND M. G. KAUL, BOTH OF WHOM WILL APPARENTLY

BE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 11 TO 15. ACCORDING TO DADACHANJI, SUBRAMANIAN IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW GOI OFFICIALS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO INTERVENE EFFECTIVELY IN THE DROBOT MATTER, IF HE SHOULD BECOME SO INCLINED. IF WESTINGHOUSE WERE TO INDICATE DETERMINATION TO RAISE THE DROBOT CASE IN WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME SUBRAMANIAN MAY PROVE MORE RECEPTIVE TO REASON AS HE MAY NOT WICH TO JEOPARDIZE MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES. DADACHANJI RECOGNIZES THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL APPROACH ARE NOT OVERLY PROMISING BUT HE BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE THAT CAN BE LOST IN ANY CASE.

6. DUNCAN-PETERS MAINTAINING FREQUENT CONTACT WITH DROBOT BUT REPORTS DROBOT MORE DESPONDENT AND MORE DESPERATE THAN HERETOFORE. SCHNEIDER

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